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WINTER FULL PROCUREMENT LAGS;
COAL MINING MODERNIZED

EFFORTS MADE TO SECURE WINTER FUEL -- Bcrba, No 267, 9 Nov 49

In order to secure enough fuel, organizations of the People's Front and cooperatives have organized brigades for felling trees in forests. However, only 50 percent of the felled trees in Yugoslavia were taken out of the forests. In Slovenia only 25 percent were taken out, in Croatia 70 percent, in Serbia 73 percent, and in Macedonia 80 percent. The inadequate transportation of felled trees from forests to the railroad stations is to blame for the low percentages.

There are stocks of coal on hand at the mines, but the Arandzelovac basin, the Mlaveko basin, the Kosovo and Livno mines, and other sources are distant from railroad stations.

Brigades of volunteers consisting of members of the Communist Party as well as the People's Front have achieved significant results in coal mines. In Ruzh, the production of coal increased by 28 percent after the arrival of volunteer brigades. Thus Belgrade will be supplied with 70,000 tons of coal in November.

Correct distribution of fuel is of the utmost importance. However, the Federal Ministry of Commerce and Supply does not receive any information from certain regions as regards quantities of fuel needed. This also prevents correct distribution of transportation facilities.

Unloading is slow and ties up many freight cars. This month 7,000 more freight cars are needed than in September.

There is a sufficient quantity of the most important agricultural produce to supply the working population for the winter.

Glas, No. 1361, 8 Nov 49

Two hundred freight cars of wood and 200 freight cars of coal will arrive daily in Belgrade.

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COAL MINING IN BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA INCREASES -- Borba, No 265, 7 Nov 49

If the production of the "Kreke" coal mine in 1939 equals 100, the production of this mine in 1946 equals 174; 1947, 258; 1948, 283; 1949, 425; 1950, 560 as compared to the index of 1939. The increase is similar in other coal mines of Bosnia and Hercegovina. The "Breza" mine has adopted the so-called Pennsylvania method of digging, which should increase production by 50 percent.

ELECTRIC PIT CARS INSTALLED IN COAL MINE -- Borba, No 264, 6 Nov 49

The "Dobra Sreza" coal mine was recently equipped with electric pit cars, the first in Serbian coal mines. Underground electrical current covers 2½ miles.

OIL INDUSTRY IN SLOVENIA EXPANDS -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 259, 4 Nov 49

By 1951 the oil refineries of Slovenia must produce 450,000 liters of oil per year. The largest oil fields in Slovenia are located at Dolnja Lendava. New drilling equipment with eight engines enables drilling up to 4,000 meters deep instead of the former 2,000 meters.

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